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C O N F I D E N T I A L DAKAR 5899

CONAKRY FOR ASST. SECRETARY MOOSE

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MASS, SG
SUBJECT: POSSIBLE U.S. SUPPORT TO SENEGAL FOR SHABA OPERATION

REF: DAKAR 5719

1. SHEN I CALLED ON PRIME MINISTER ABDOU DIOUF AUGUST 2
TO DISCUSS VISA PROBLEM FOR AMERICAN OFFICIALS IN
NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES, HE HAD WITH HIM MINISTER OF ARMED
FORCES AMADOU CLEDOR SALL. HE SAID HE WAS ASKING MINISTER
SALL TO WORK WITH EMBASSY TO FOLLOW UP ON ASSISTANT
SECRETARY FOR AFRICAN AFFAIRS MOOSE'S TALKS WITH PRESIDENT
SENGHOR JULY 27 ON POSSIBLE U.S. MILITARY MATERIAL SUPPORT
TO SENEGAL FOR SHABA OPERATION.

2. PRIME MINISTER AND I AGREED THAT BEST WAY TO HANDLE
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THIS MATTER INITIALLY WOULD BE THROUGH DISCUSSIONS
AT PROFESSIONAL MILITARY LEVEL, I.E., BETWEEN SENEGALESE
ARMED FORCES REPS AND U.S. DEFENSE ATTACHE. NOTING THAT
DATT LT. COL. RICHARD HUGHES WOULD BE DEPARTING SENEGAL
AUGUST 6, AND THAT HE HAD BEEN WORKING CLOSELY WITH
SENEGALESE MILITARY COUNTERPARTS THESE PAST TWO YEARS,
I SUGGESTED THERE WOULD BE SOME ADVANTAGE IN HAVING

INITIAL REQUEST READY WITHIN ONE WEEK. I EXPLAINED ALSO COL. COULTER, COL. HUGHES' REPLACEMENT, WAS ALREADY HERE, WAS HAVING A GOOD OVERLAP WITH COL. HUGHES, HAD HAD EXTENSIVE BRIEFINGS IN WASHINGTON, AND WAS WELL PREPARED TO CARRY ON ALL ACTIVITIES. I SAID I WOULD BE WORKING CLOSELY WITH COL. COULTER. PRIME MINISTER SAID SENEGALESE MILITARY FOR THEIR PART HAD ALREADY BEGUN PREPARATIONS.

3. SENEGALESE CHIEF OF STAFF GENERAL IDRISSE FALL TOLD DATT AND ME LAST NIGHT THAT HE HAD RECEIVED GO AHEAD SIGNAL FROM PRIME MINISTER.

4. DAKAR'S 5719 BEING REPEATED TO OTHER ADDRESSEES.
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